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SOFTWARE SYSTEM IN POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the software for Dak Services has been developed in the country;

(b) if so, the number of post offices where multi-purpose computer machines have been installed and the new software systems setup;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any schemes to set up software systems and instal said machines in all the post offices in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this scheme is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Multipurpose counter Machines have been installed in 1,560 offices and the software systems developed for these machines have been deployed and are operational in all of them.

(c) The scheme for setting up the software systems and installing Multipurpose Counter Machines in various post offices is part of the plan schemes under the 5 year plans. The machines are procured, installed and commissioned in the post offices depending on the amount of funds allotted under the plan schemes in the annual budget. Within the allotted funds efforts are made to maximise the number of machines commissioned in the post offices.

(d) The time by which computerisation of all the post offices will be completed through installation of Multipurpose Counter Machines depends on the availability of funds in the annual budgets. It is therefore, not possible to predict a time frame by which all the post offices in the country would be covered.